

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all previous listings, and versions, of claims in the application.

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A skin patch ~~pre-loaded with a biologically active substance, the skin patch~~ comprising:

a support having a ~~periphery and a depression forming a chamber~~ an electrically charged surface resulting from the application to the support of an ionizing field;

an adhesive disposed on the periphery of the support, the adhesive configured to ~~hermetically seal the chamber against a patient's~~ adhere the patch to skin when applied thereto; and

a preselected amount of ~~biologically active substance~~ an organic allergen, the organic allergen being in the form of individualized or agglomerated dry particles; ~~the entire preselected amount of biologically active substance bound to the support~~ the electrically charged surface within the chamber solely by through electrostatic forces[.]

~~wherein the biologically active substance is released to the patient's skin by perspiration secreted from the patient's skin into the chamber.~~

2. (Currently amended) The skin patch of claim 1, further comprising a label removably coupled to the adhesive, the label configured to be removed from the adhesive before application of the skin patch to the ~~patient's~~ skin.

3. (Previously presented) The skin patch of claim 1, wherein the support comprises glass or a polymer chosen from the group comprising cellulose plastics, polyvinyl chlorides, polypropylenes, polystyrenes, polycarbonates and polyacrylics.

4. (Currently amended) The skin patch of claim 1, further comprising a label removably disposed on a back of the support, the label configured to be removed from the skin patch before

application to the patient's skin to reinforce the electrostatic forces that bond the biologically active substance to between the organic allergen and the support within the chamber.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The skin patch of claim 1, wherein the ~~biologically active substance is an~~ organic allergen is a food or respiratory allergen.

7. (Currently amended) The skin patch of claim 6, wherein the organic allergen has undergone a treatment of lyophilization, pasteurization or ionization.

8. (Currently amended) The skin patch of claim 6, wherein the organic allergen is in the form of a purified allergenic fraction.

9. (Currently amended) The skin patch of claim 1, further comprising ~~a an allergen~~ marking device in the form of: a marking printed on a back of the support, a temporary tattoo, or a self-adhesive disk maintained on an adhesive part of the support and configured to separate therefrom when the skin patch is removed.

10. (Currently amended) The skin patch of claim 6, further comprising a device sensitive to physicochemical reactions of the ~~patient's~~ skin resulting from a local inflammatory reaction.

11. (Previously presented) The skin patch of claim 10, wherein the device comprises a colored indicator sensitive to local variations in pH.

12. (Currently amended) The skin patch of claim 6, wherein a plurality of different organic allergens are bound to the support.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A patch ~~preloaded with a selected amount of allergen for screening for sensitivity to an allergen~~, the patch comprising:

a support defining an ~~first~~ electrically charged surface resulting from the application to the support of an ionizing field; and

[[an]] a preselected amount of an organic allergen in the form of individualized or agglomerated dry particles, ~~all of the allergen~~ bound to the first electrically charged surface of ~~the support only by through~~ electrostatic forces, wherein the organic allergen is retained in its reactogenic state.

15. (Currently amended) The patch of claim 14, further comprising an adhesive disposed on the support surrounding the first electrically charged surface, the adhesive configured to create a hermetically closed space between the support and a patient's skin that contains the organic allergen.

16. (Currently amended) The patch of claim 15, wherein the organic allergen is communicated to the patient's skin upon ~~contact~~ dissolution with perspiration secreted by the patient's skin.

17. (Currently amended) The patch of claim 14, wherein the electrically charged ~~first~~ surface is disposed within a depression formed in the support.

18. (Previously presented) The patch of claim 15 further comprising a label removably coupled to the adhesive, the label configured to be removed from the adhesive before application of the patch to the patient's skin.

19. (Previously presented) The patch of claim 14, wherein the support comprises glass or a polymer chosen from the group comprising cellulose plastics, polyvinyl chlorides, polypropylenes, polystyrenes, polycarbonates and polyacrylics.

[[21.]] 20. (Currently amended) The patch of claim 14, further comprising a label removably disposed on a back of the support, the label configured to be removed from the patch

before application to a patient's skin to reinforce the electrostatic forces ~~that bond between~~ the organic allergen to the first and the electrically charged surface.

[[22.]] 21. (Currently amended) The skin patch of claim [[14]] 18, wherein the ~~allergen is in its reactogenic state of origin~~ the label, prior to removal, conserves the organic allergen under vacuum.

[[23.]] 22. (Currently amended) The skin patch of claim 14, wherein the allergen is selected from the group consisting of wheat ~~flour~~, peanuts, cow's milk, egg, pollen, acarids, and animal hair and latex.

23. (New) The skin patch of claim 1, wherein the organic allergen is communicated to the skin upon dissolution with perspiration secreted by the skin.

24. (New) The skin patch of claim 1, wherein the support defines a hollow and the organic allergen is bound to the electrically charged surface within the hollow.

25. (New) The skin patch of claim 1, wherein the adhesive is configured to hermetically seal the skin patch to the skin.

26. (New) The skin patch of claim 1, wherein the organic allergen is selected from the group consisting of wheat, peanuts, cow's milk, egg, pollen, acarids, and animal hair.